

In the Matter of

FCC NPRM MM Docket 99-25 will be an excellent boost to communities across the country, but lacks several extremely important considerations contained herein.

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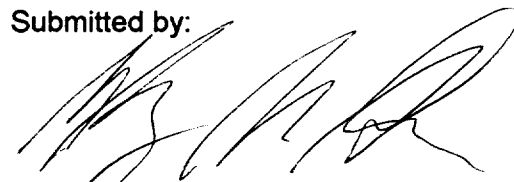
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I file these comments on March 1, 1999 in the FCC's notice of proposed rulemaking MM Docket 99-25. I support the current proposal, but request modifications to the present NPRM.

I support NPRM MM Docket 99-25 because of its numerous benefits. Large commercial radio station do not support small local communities; however, radio stations under 1000 watts will promote community awareness without any significant impact on commercial listenership. Small stations, specifically college and university low-power stations, teach broadcasting, professionalism and other valuable skills which cannot be learned anywhere else. Non-commercial stations also support and promote local business and music. These stations provide an outlet by which music and public opinions would not otherwise be heard. Since the revocation of class D licenses in 1979, the airways have become overrun with large, for-profit corporate stations which all provide similar music, news, and information. Low-power licenses will significantly improve public awareness and community involvement without drawing any major listenership from larger corporate stations by providing music and information that cannot be heard anywhere else.

However, I hope you will consider that the current draft of the NPRM MM Docket 99-25 does not fully support colleges and universities. In instances where multiple state run institutions request a license, only one can be granted. Because state run institutions such as the University of Maryland College Park already possess a 10-watt class D license, other branches of the University of Maryland school system such as the University of Maryland Baltimore County cannot possess a license, despite the considerable distance between the institutions. Each of the two institutions will serve a different community and county with different programming, and each community would benefit differently from a low-power license. I hereby request that the current NPRM be ammended to allow each campus of a state run college or university to be allowed to possess a separate license. Thank you for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

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